

Inquiries of the Ministry

proceedings of the House of Commons be televised, had been accepted, we would certainly have seen a good show this morning.

The question which I wish to ask to the right hon. Prime Minister is based on the official report of June 18, 1964, in the right column on page 4445, when the Prime Minister made a statement concerning the submission of a resolution to the parliament of Westminster to amend our constitution. He said the following:

The means for achieving this purpose — that is by submission of a resolution to the parliament at Westminster is of course strangely out of date and indeed inappropriate.

My question is as follows. Does the present government intend to introduce a bill or a measure to repatriate our constitution as a result of the Prime Minister's statement yesterday?

[Text]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): This matter has, of course, been discussed, and it is before the house in connection with the resolution. If I did not deal yesterday with this particular point it was because I thought it would be out of order to do so, since the resolution provides only for an amendment to the British North America Act for a particular purpose; it does not deal with the whole process of the repatriation of our constitution. But I can assure the hon. member that in the course of the debate, if it were in order, we would be very glad indeed to take up this matter, and we do have every intention of taking steps to repatriate our constitution. As a further step in the progress which has been made we propose to put the matter on the agenda of the next federal-provincial conference to be held in Charlottetown, I believe, in August.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

When hon. members on this side ask questions which are serious enough for the Prime Minister to answer them seriously and intelligently, people like the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Choquette) keep on saying they are stupid questions.

This is my question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. Hon. members on this side have the right to ask questions without being interrupted by people like the hon. member for Lotbinière and without having their questions called stupid.

In this connection I feel that you must call people like that to order because not only during the question period but throughout the whole day they flout the privileges of the house and do not act in a gentlemanly way in this assembly.

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Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me every member in the house owes respect to his colleagues, and I hope that it sufficient warning for the future.

NATIONAL PARKS

NOVA SCOTIA—REQUEST FOR PROGRESS REPORT ON KEJIMKUJIK PARK

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, and in his absence I direct it to his parliamentary secretary. In view of the importance of the tourist industry in the province of Nova Scotia, can the minister's parliamentary secretary tell the house what progress is being made on the Kejimikujik national park, and when can we expect development to start on this tourist attraction?

Mr. Speaker: This is a delightful question for the order paper.

WATER SAFETY

OTTAWA—REQUEST FOR SUPERVISOR OF MOONEY'S BAY AREA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have an urgent question that affects public safety. I direct it to the Minister of Transport and ask him whether in conjunction with the Minister of Justice he is prepared to provide immediate supervision of the Mooney's bay and adjacent areas of the Rideau river for the protection of the public.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgil (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I was much intrigued by the suggestion of the mayor of Ottawa that I should go "canoedling" with that lady, and if I were not so frightfully busy I would like to do it. But I am going to suggest to the honourable lady that she invite the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre to replace me on that occasion. Actually I think it is well known that the laws regarding offences are made by the parliament of Canada but